

Delaware Renewable Energy Taskforce

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Public Service Commission Hearing Room

861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100

Dover, Delaware 19904

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members and alternates present:

Rob Underwood, Acting Chair, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate	Present
Tom Noyes, DNREC Division of Energy & Climate (Alternate)	Present
Glenn Moore, Delmarva Power	Present
Dale Davis, Delaware Solar Energy Coalition	Present
Finn McCabe, Delaware Solar Energy Coalition (Alternate)	Present
Dallas Winslow, Public Service Commission	Absent
Pam Knotts, Public Service Commission (Alternate)	Absent
Janis Dillard, Public Service Commission (Alternate)	Absent
Robert Howatt, Public Service Commission	Absent
Stanley Merritt, DuPont, Renewable energy research & development industry	Present
Derrick Botha, Motech, Local renewable energy manufacturing industry	Present
Dave Holleran, Motech (Alternate)	Absent
Mark Neilsen, Delaware Electric Cooperative (Alternate)	Present
Scott Lynch, Delaware Municipal Electric Companies (Alternate)	Present
Michael Sheehy, Public Advocate	Present
Andrea Maucher, Public Advocate (Alternate)	Absent
John Sykes, Environmental advocacy organizations	Absent
Jim Black, Environmental advocacy organizations (Alternate)	Present
Senator Harris McDowell, Sustainable Energy Utility	Absent
Tony DePrima, Sustainable Energy Utility (Alternate)	Present

Rob Underwood, acting chair, opened the meet at 10:05 a.m. The Taskforce reviewed the minutes from October 10, 2012. Dale Davis moved the approval of the minutes; Glenn Moore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.

Tony DePrima provided an update on the SREC Pilot Program. 81 percent of projects that were awarded SREC contracts in the Pilot Program auction have been approved. 47 percent of the capacity is now operational. Projects have one year to achieve interconnection approval. He said that the SEU/PJM GATS trading process is going well. The SEU has received only one complaint so far, involving the time it takes to process a payment, which is usually 45 to 60 days. Glenn Moore said that if projects do not perform to the contract specifications, Delmarva Power would make up the resulting shortfall in the following SREC auction. Pam Knotts said the PSC has received one call from someone who wasn't sure if they would have system complete within 12 months.

The Taskforce turned to a discussion of Delmarva Power's program for SREC procurement for the compliance year, 2013-2014. The SEU will create a draft communications plan and circulate it among some of the key players.

The auction will run starting March 25. Anyone interested should be directed to SRECDelaware.com, which will provide key information, frequently asked questions and e-mail updates to all who sign up.

Rob Underwood raised the matter of future topics for Taskforce consideration.

Scott Lynch said that DEMEC may consider participation in future auctions. Rob Underwood said that the Taskforce could discuss other renewable energy options for increasing in-state generation.

Glenn Moore said that Delmarva Power has met its anticipated RPS needs for the next few years, as documented in its most recent Integrated Resource Plan.

Jim Black raised the matter of working with the Delaware Department of Agriculture on biomass and suggested an assessment of renewables compared to the RPS targets.

Finn McCabe said he is interested in energy storage. Tony DePrima asked about the mission of the Taskforce. Rob Underwood raised the subject of nutrient loading in Delaware's watersheds and whether the Taskforce could look at poultry waste to energy technologies.

Rob Underwood invited comments from members of the public. There being none, he turned to the question of when to meet next. Glenn Moore suggested the Taskforce meet before the next auction.

There being no further business before the Taskforce, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.